GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF AI OFFICIALS TO LONDON
HANNAN MOLLAH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the incident of two Afghan nationals who travelled to London by Air India Flight in October, 2001 without having valid passport or other documents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any official Enquiry Team was sent to UK in this regard;

(d) if so, the names of the officials and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(e) whether the enquiry team have submitted its report to the Governemnt;

(f) if so, the details of their findings; and

(g) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) : Yes Sir. A High Level Committee consisting of Shri Y. Hari Shankar, Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat, Shri V. Aiwalli, Commissioner of Security (CA), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, Shri Anurag Goel, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Shri K.S. Bains, Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau was constituted to enquire into the incident of stowaways in Air India`s flight AI-111, operating on the Mumbai-Delhi-London sector on 28.10.2001. The aforementioned team visited London (UK) from 7th to 9thJanuary, 2002 to further enquire into the case. The expenditure incurred on the visit of the team is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House. The Committee has submitted its report on 12.4.2002 which is being examined.